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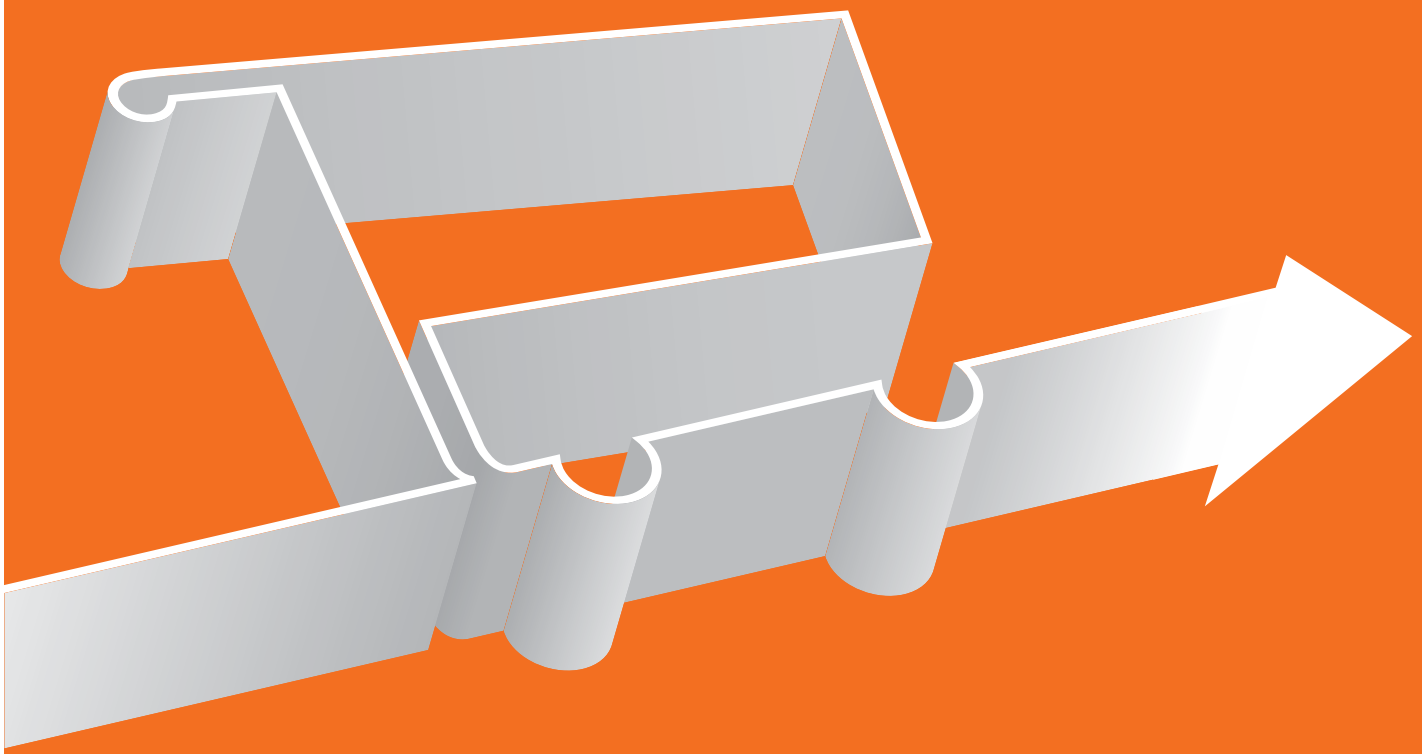

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Anxiety grows over food costs

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City band robbed on U.S. tour

◗ Said the Whale loses gear during overnight stop in quiet Sacramento neighbourhood ◗ Band posts YouTube video re-enacting their reaction to theft

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The members of Vancouver band Said the Whale seem surprisingly upbeat considering they just had $8,000 worth of equipment stolen from their trailer five days into their first U.S. tour.

"People have been saying we're taking this very well," drummer Spencer Schoening told Metro by phone yesterday, while his bandmates scoured local pawnshops for their gear.

"I like to think we are at the point where there's nothing we can do but carry on."

The five-member band woke yesterday to find its trailer had been broken into and pillaged.

"All my clothes are missing, Jaycelyn (Brown's) clothes are missing (and so are) various things like guitar pedals, two acoustic guitars, cymbals, two glockenspiels."

Schoening said it's not just the expense of the equipment but also the sentimental value that needs to be accounted for.

"We love California. We still love California even after (the theft)."
SPENCER SCHOENING, DRUMMER

"Ben (Worcester's) guitar — I'm breaking his heart talking about it right now. I'm sure he has probably written every song with that guitar."

The band spent the day filing police reports, visiting pawnshops, replacing clothes and trying to track down equipment for the next performance in Long Beach, Calif., tomorrow.

"A lot of people are offering to help, and fans are offering to send money, but we don't want (that)," Schoening said. "We're going to pull it off."

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Grow local in face of rising food prices: B.C. think-tank

Sugar, coffee, chicken, beef and bread: Just some of the items being hit hardest by a surge in global food prices.

Since last year, B.C. residents have had to dig deeper in order to eat and, according to economists, food prices are expected to soar even higher as 2011 progresses.

Because the province imports about half of its food, the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives B.C. (CCPA-BC) says that British Columbians' grocery bills are particularly vulnerable to global trends and catastrophes.

The solution, CCPA-BC argues, is to scale back B.C.'s dependency on imported foods — in other words: Grow local.

"Leadership from the provincial government for a 'made-in-B.C.' strategy is essential," Marc Lee, CCPA-BC senior economist, said in a release.

In a November report, the centre recommended that the government do more in the way of supporting local farmers.

With a suggested goal of 80 per cent food self-reliance by 2030, the centre said growing local will also make B.C. more resilient to climate change.

At same time, the province will lower its carbon footprint by reducing fuel consumption required for long-distance food transport.

According to Herb Barbolet, co-author of the CCPA-BC report, "at a deeper level, this is more about an ongoing cultural transformation in how we think about food, waste, the economy, labour, health and education."

NATALIE KAUR JOHAL

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▶ Rising food prices may place an extra burden on B.C. food banks this year.

On the brink of hunger

Surge in food prices means food banks get increased demand, but fewer donations ◗ Families shouldn't have to go into debt for food: Advocate

Rising food costs may force families deeper into poverty, advocates warn.

Food prices are at record highs — yet minimum wage in B.C., the province with the highest child poverty rate in Canada, hasn't increased in 10 years.

"We're facing increased costs at a time when wages aren't rising. Something has to give," Mount Pleasant MLA Jenny Kwan said. "Every year, more and more people are pushed to the brink and have to rely upon food banks for survival."

Adrienne Montani, co-ordinator for First Call B.C. Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, urges the government to implement a living wage strategy, an above-minimum wage that would allow for the ability to eat healthier foods — something she said is currently inconceivable for B.C.'s poor families.

Low-income single mothers are heavily impacted by soaring food prices, said Montani, and will often go hungry so that their kids can eat. "I don't know how families are going to cope. They're already going to food banks, skrimping to get by. It might mean they'll borrow money, put groceries on their credit cards, stop paying their hydro bills," said Montani.

Quest Food Exchange, a program that redistributes food that would otherwise go the landfill, has strategies in place to address the issue.

"There is a definite concern that we will receive fewer items from the vendors who donate to us. However, we are making it a priority to expand our vendor base in anticipation of less donations overall," operations manager David Armitage said.

Cheryl Carline, CEO of the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society, said the organization will have to stretch its dollar. "We'll never turn anyone way, but there is the possibility that less food will go out."

NATALIE KAUR JOHAL

Rising prices

Canadians will pay between five and seven per cent more for groceries this year, say experts.

1. In March 2010, 867,948 people were assisted by food banks in Canada — the highest level of food bank use on record.
2. In B.C., 94,359 people turned to food banks, up by five per cent from the previous year.
3. Thirty per cent of those using B.C. food banks are children and youth.

Edgewater Casino debate rages on

The Edgewater Casino debate won't be going away anytime soon.

More meetings are needed to go through all the registered speakers who want to share their feelings about the mega-casino proposal.

More than 300 people jammed city hall Monday, but only 12 of the 167 speakers got a chance to say their piece on the controversial plan.

The sometimes-heated hearing continued yesterday night.

The proposed casino that would be built alongside B.C. Place would have 1,500 slot machines and 150 gaming tables.

The 110,000-square-foot facility would be the largest one in Western Canada.

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News in brief

Migrant to be deported

The first of nearly 600 migrants who arrived on British Columbia shores aboard two cargo ships over the past two years has been ordered deported from Canada, after admitting he was a member of the Tamil Tigers.

A member of the Immigration and Refugee Board made the ruling yesterday, citing the fact that the man fought in at least one battle for the banned terrorist organization and moved through different wings over a seven-year period.

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Woman killed

A 51-year-old Surrey woman is dead after being struck down in her garage in a bizarre incident yesterday. RCMP say the woman's daughter was pulling into the driveway, in the 12700 block of 64th Avenue, when the SUV suddenly accelerated and hit the victim.

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Author wants traditional services for the blind abolished

Victoria man fights for working rights Not enough job training for the blind, Graeme McCreath argues

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Blind people can contribute to society, if only they were given a chance.

Graeme McCreath, author of the book The Politics of Blindness, believes that the 80 per cent unemployment rate among blind Canadians is a violation of human rights.

McCreath, who is blind, has worked all his adult life. He currently works as a physiotherapist at a private practice.

"We can all work. There's no reason why blind people can't, they just need more help to do so," said McCreath. "We shouldn't be labelled as something different than anybody else. We're all individuals, we all have different abilities."

McCreath wants to abolish charities for the blind, such as the Canadian National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), and replace them with skill-based training facilities that encourage employers to hire the blind.

"We have to get rid of the CNIB because it creates barriers for people rather then helping them," he said. "They spend money on things like prevention of blindness. We're not a group that wants to be eliminated."

McCreath claims blind people are being discriminated against when they're being treated like charity cases.

"The government neglects its responsibility to provide proper training," he said. "We're all citizens, we all pay taxes and we all vote. From that, we should expect progressive legislation."

Cirque. Du Soleil

Performers with Cirque Du Soleil practise at Rogers Centre yesterday.

Flying through the air with ease

Quidam, Cirque Du Soleil's newest show, opens in Vancouver tonight and runs until March 13. It tells the story of a little girl named Zoé who takes the audience on a journey into her imagination. For more on this story visit metronews.ca/vancouver.

Cariboo crime connection

7 RCMP say they have seized about 7 tonnes of marijuana since Cariboo Region CRIME task force started up in September.

An RCMP anti-trafficking task force set up in central British Columbia is finding itself dealing more and more with people from the Lower Mainland.

They say suspected drug growers and traffickers mostly have ties to the Lower Mainland or to organized crime groups operating out of Asia. METRO

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Libyan rebels slowed by tank and rocket fire

Gadhafi forces stop march to Tripoli, besiege western city ◐ Rebels claim Libyan leader sent envoy

After dramatic successes over the past weeks, Libya's rebel movement appears to have hit a wall of overwhelming power from loyalists of Moammar Gadhafi.

Pro-regime forces halted its drive on Tripoli with a heavy barrage of rockets in the east and threatened yesterday to recapture the closest rebel-held city to the capital in the west.

The city of Zawiya was sealed off under a fifth day of a destructive siege, with conflicting reports of who was in control. A brigade led by one of Gadhafi's sons, Khamis, is believed to be leading the assault, shelling neighbourhoods with tank and artillery fire from the outskirts.

If Zawiya, on Tripoli's doorstep, is ultimately retaken, the contours of a stalemate would emerge, with Libya divided between a largely loyalist west and a rebel east as the world wrestles with the thorny question of how deeply to intervene.

A spokesman for the opposition's newly created Interim Governing Council in Benghazi said a man who claimed to represent Gadhafi made contact with the council to discuss terms for Gadhafi to step down.

"But our position is clear: No negotiations with the Gadhafi regime," said Mustafa Gheriani.

Libyan state TV denied that Gadhafi had sent an envoy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Intervention?

U.S. President Barack Obama and British Prime Minister David Cameron agreed to plan for the "full spectrum of possible responses" on Libya. According to a White House statement, the leaders spoke yesterday and agreed that the objective must be an end to violence and the departure of Gadhafi "as quickly as possible."

Carnival. Parade

▶ A parade float in Cologne, Germany.

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Facing the hand they're dealt

This year's Rosemonday parade in Cologne, Germany, included a float showing Arab nations as a house of falling cards. It featured cards with the faces of former Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak and Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi.

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Earthquake stirs tsunami off Japan coast

A magnitude-7.3 earthquake hit off Japan's northeastern coast yesterday, shaking buildings hundreds of miles away in Tokyo and triggering a small tsunami. There were no immediate reports of significant damage or injuries.

The quake struck at 11:45 a.m. local time and was centred about 150 kilometres off the northeastern coast — about 440 kilometres northeast of Tokyo — at a depth of about eight kilometres, Japan's meteorological agency said.

A 60-centimetre tsunami reached the coastal town of Ofunato, in Iwate prefecture, with other towns reporting smaller waves reaching shore about 30 minutes after the quake.

"We have confirmed that small tsunami have come up on the shores, but we have no reports of damage at this point," said Shinobu Nagano, an emergency and disaster response official in Iwate. "We are still trying to determine the impact of the quake."

Some train lines in the area were temporarily stopped after the quake, but they were restarted shortly after noon. Tohoku Electric Power said there was no damage at its nuclear power facility in the region.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Hawaii said a Pacific-wide tsunami was not expected.

In Tokyo, office buildings swayed and creaked for about 30 seconds during the quake. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

6.3

There was a 6.3-magnitude aftershock shortly after the main quake, the meteorological agency said.

In Christchurch

Police in New Zealand confirmed yesterday that a Canadian woman was killed in the earthquake that rocked Christchurch last month.

- A list released by authorities said 60-year-old Marielle Falardeau was among the dead.
- Media reports say the French-Canadian was vacationing with her sister in Christchurch when the quake hit Feb 22.
- In an interview two days after the temblor, Australian newspaper the Cairns Post reported Falardeau and her Australian sister were shopping in the centre of Christchurch as the quake struck.
- Marie-Noelle Falardeau told the paper she and her sister were due to leave for Montreal Feb 23.

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CONFESSIONS FROM THE LIBYA GRAVY TRAIN

Just sayin'

PAUL SULLIVAN

Hypocrisy is a tricky trait. We're more likely to spot it in others than in ourselves.

Recently, pop stars have been falling all over themselves to apologize, give back the money or confess they had no idea that they were paid millions to perform for the family of bloody Libyan dictator Moammar Gadhafi.

Now that Gadhafi is the Monster of the Month, Nelly Furtado, Beyoncé, Usher, 50 Cent, Mariah Carey and, er, the London School of Economics all admit that they took money from Libya, and a number of them, including Nelly and Usher, are giving it to charity or something. Beyoncé claims she sent hers to Haiti ages ago, but there was no mention of Libya at the time.

It's a million-dollar hit for the stars, but blood money is bad for your image, so donate those dollars.

It's easy to make fun of people who construct a moral code one tweet at a time, but let's be honest. It wasn't so long ago that Gadhafi seemed kinda cute. Remember when the United Nations wouldn't let him pitch his tent on the lawn? Remember the documents, released by WikiLeaks, that featured the flying squad of buxom Ukrainian nurses who followed him everywhere?

You just forget that he has long been one of the Middle East's foremost terrorists and that, at one point, Libya took formal responsibility for the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, an act that killed 270 people on Aug. 16, 2003. Look it up.

So all these people knew they were singing and dancing for a murderer, but he was a murderer with money, all of it extracted from the Libyan people, many of whom are now dying under his boot.

But let's not get too high and mighty. We've all been on the Libyan gravy train for years. There's a helpful page on the Government of Canada website called Doing Business with Libya, which tells you how to follow the lead of Canadian companies such as SNC-Lavalin and Suncor.

The site says the value of Canadian exports to Libya was almost $250 million in 2009, the year in which the Lockerbie bomber was released from a U.K. prison and welcomed home by Gadhafi as a national hero.

What's the difference between getting paid a million bucks for a song-and-dance routine and SNC-Lavalin being paid $500 million to build the Benghazi Airport? Or Suncor drawing 50,000 barrels of oil a day out of Libya's now-scorched earth, as the Globe and Mail reports?

So, if you feel like tossing stones at Nelly, remember that biblical suggestion: Let he who is without sin cast the first stone.

Or at least hearken to The Who and don't get fooled again.

Read more of Paul Sullivan's columns at metronews.ca/justsaying

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

IF THAT ISN'T ENOUGH, PRIME MINISTER HARPER ALSO WANTS TO REBRAND THE LIBERALS 'HIS' MAJESTY'S OPPOSITION.
CANADA GOV'T REBRANDED 'HARPER GOVERNMENT'

Is this part of his script?

Letters & Tweets

One and a half men

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We asked: Is Charlie Sheen acting like this for publicity?

TORONTO. No, he wants more than publicity.

He wants results from the publicity, not just the publicity itself.

Publicity is not the main motivator for his behaviour.

He is obviously angered and feels that stopping filming Two and a Half Men wasn't necessary.

Publicity is just a way of getting his point of view across in hopes of getting the result he wants.

Though I'm sure the publicity feeds his ego.

I think he is hoping the publicity will work in his favour ... or against Chuck Lorre's favour ... either way. I'm sure he feels that he must take action and the media makes it easy for him to take action through publicity.

The media isn't doing him any favours by these interviews, but hey whatever sells!

As the saying goes, any publicity is good publicity ... which is certainly true. Everyone knows who Lindsay Lohan is and not necessarily for her acting :)

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What is wrong with kids these days?

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Metro Minute with Steel Panther

How about spending your Wednesday night with the spandex-clad guys of Steel Panther?

The Los Angeles-based glam-metal band will shake up the city with their crazy hair, seismic guitar riffs, vulgar jokes and humorous lyrics.

Get ready to rock with the quartet — vocalist Ralph Saenz (a.k.a. Michael Starr), drummer Darren Leader (Stix Zadinia), bassist Travis Haley (Lexxi Foxx) and guitarist Russ Parrish (Satchel) — while singing along to songs from their 2009 album Feel the Steel.

See Steel Panther in action at 8 p.m. at the Commodore Ballroom (868 Granville St.). Tickets are $25. **PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS**

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▶ The hair-metallers in Steel Panther will rock out on stage tonight at the Commodore Ballroom.

Canadians upbeat about economy: Poll

Nearly 90 per cent are confident about financial well-being, compared with 77.5 per cent of Americans

Canadians are more confident about their own economic well-being and that of the Canadian economy, a survey by Harris/Decima-Investor Group suggests.

The February survey puts the overall measure of confidence at 86.2 per cent, up from 82.8 in November.

Overall, nearly one-third (31 per cent) of Canadians believe they will be better off financially a year from now, up from 27 per cent in November. That compares with 13 per cent who think things might be worse.

One in four Canadians (24 per cent) see good things ahead for the economy in the next 12 months, up from 19 per cent. Four-teen per cent expect the economy to get worse.

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. YESTERDAY

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A majority, 54 per cent, believe there will be good times for the Canadian economy in the next five years, while 31 per cent believe there will be another recession.

Meanwhile, half of Canadians (51 per cent) believe now is a good time to make a major purchase, while 31 per cent believe it is not.

"Stronger consumer confidence is always good for the economy," said Jack Courtney, a financial planner with the Investors Group. "This is a clear indication that Canadians are returning to more normal spending, saving and investing."

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▶ Inventor Daniel Ratner pedals Google's new Street View Tricycle at company headquarters in Mountain View, Calif.

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Two Cineplex theatres in Edmonton, one in Calgary and one in Laval, Que., will debut D-Box motion-sensation seats on Friday, D-Box CEO Claude McMaster said yesterday. The company is based in Quebec.

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2 scene

Preparing for a life without his brother

The always outspoken Liam Gallagher leads his new band Beady Eye out of the Oasis shadow

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Life after the death of Oasis begins for infamous singer-songwriter Liam Gallagher with his new band Beady Eye. Metro chatted with the 38-year-old musician, who declared he is starving for success and fears no one.

Are the beginnings of Beady Eye as exciting as they were for Oasis?
Of course. Any beginning is exciting. Our songs are just crazy, and we feel just great. We're going to kill everything. We've got what we need for that.

The album sounds very spontaneous. It sounds like a response to Oasis, a band who became maybe like a routine to you, didn't it?
When you're in a big machine like Oasis, it works by itself. Everything is becoming a routine, so it gets sometimes boring. We needed to create something new and fresh. That's why it sounds spontaneous.

What was your inspiration for (debut album) Different Gear, Still Speeding?
Rock 'n' roll. Nothing else. We just wanted to have fun. And that's rock 'n' roll: no brains, just feelings. It's as simple as that.

People will compare Beady Eye to Oasis. How are you prepared to respond to your fans and critics alike?
We are Oasis! Oasis became big because of the people who were in the band. We can do the exact same thing with Beady Eye. We are starving for success and we do not fear anyone. Our music is universal, and people will like it whether they live in Peru or in Paris. And if some people don't like it, it doesn't matter.

There is a huge electro-pop scene in England. Are you interested in that kind of sound?
I don't care. Why would we play dance music? It would be against our influences, against rock 'n' roll and against the Beatles! We're not going to play dance music just to be in fashion. It would be like wearing a dress. To me, those bands are just sh-t.

In the English press, not a week goes by without an article on Beady Eye and Oasis...
It's amazing how Oasis makes its own publicity on the back of Beady Eye. People have never been so interested in Oasis since it finished.

What would you say about this album. That it's the best album of the year? The album of the century?
No, I won't say that. I let you say it.

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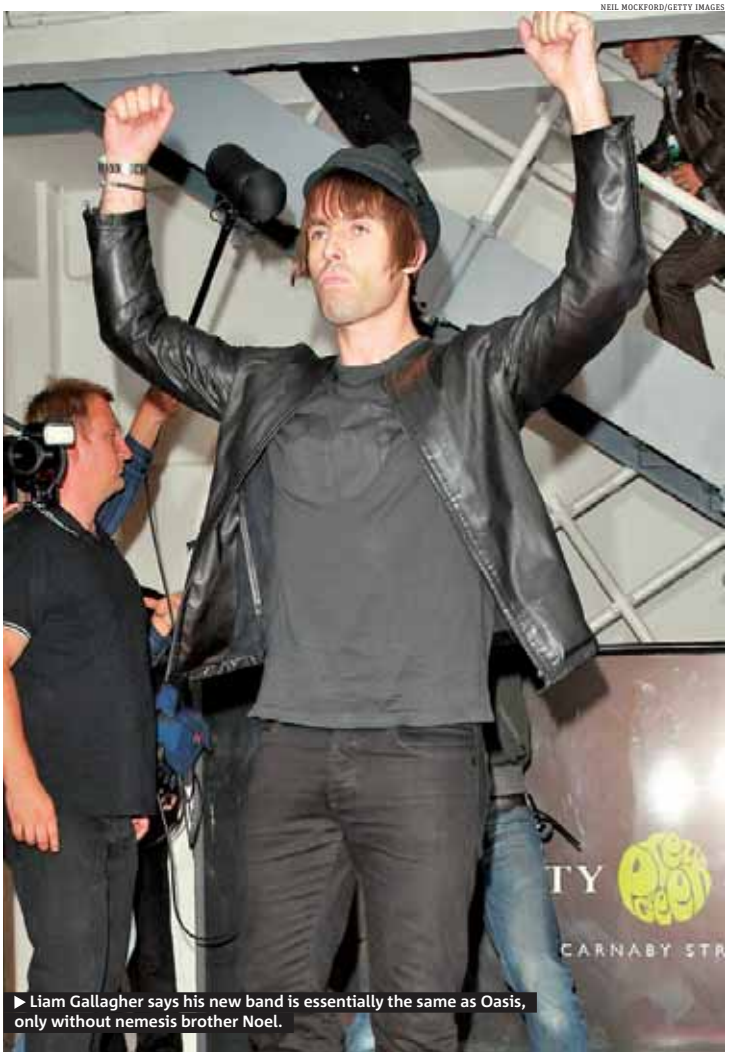

▶ Liam Gallagher says his new band is essentially the same as Oasis, only without nemesis brother Noel.

Top albums

iTunes top 5 in Canada for the week ending March 6:
1) 21 — Adele
2) Sigh No More — Mumford & Sons
3) Wounded Rhymes — Lykke Li
4) Different Gear — Still Speeding — Beady Eye
5) The Suburbs — Arcade Fire

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Big year continues for Dido

Dido is due to have her first child this summer. It's already been a big year: She was nominated for an Academy Award for best song for co-writing If I Rise from the movie 127 Hours, and is finishing up a new album.

"I'm nearly done," she said last month about her upcoming album.

"Music will just start coming out as this year goes on."

Dido, perhaps best known stateside for the song Thank You, which was sampled by Eminem for Stan, said her new record brings her back to her electronic roots. She's once again working with her brother, Rollo Armstrong, as well as other producers.

New Baby

Dido doesn't know the sex of her baby, but she's dealing with the pressures of a new child very well.

Quote "You just have this priority that is unchangeable and I think that's a great calmness that comes from that."

"It's been a thoroughly enjoyable record," she said. "It's a real mix and in a funny sort of way, it's a mix of everything, some sort of big electronic extravaganza. It's much more electronic than the last record."

Of course, before Dido goes on the road, she'll be dealing with her first priority: her new baby. She didn't perform at the Oscars because of her pregnancy, and after the baby is born, she plans to take time off. But for the moment, she's enjoying the "very exciting" time in her life. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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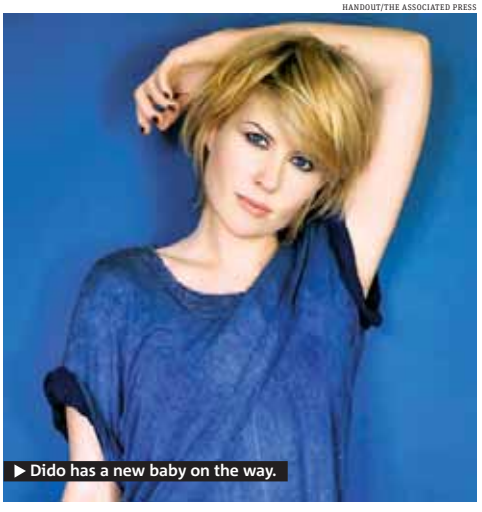

▶ Dido has a new baby on the way.

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What you need to know about Mars Needs Moms

- **Director** Simon Wells directs this animated sci-fi feature.
- **Cast** Seth Green, Joan Cusack and Dan Fogler will lend their voices to the main cast in Mars Needs Moms

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▶ Val Kilmer and Carrie-Anne Moss star in The Red Planet — another Mars themed flick.

Superstar astronomer Carl Sagan said, "Mars has become a kind of mythic arena onto which we have projected our Earthly hopes and fears."

For more than a hundred years the idea that life could exist on the fourth planet from the Sun has been a sci-fi staple.

In 1898, H. G. Wells wrote the most influential Martian invasion novel of all, The War of the Worlds, later adapted by Orson Welles into the most famous radio show ever and in a less serious vein, Marvin the Martian, a cartoon character voiced by Mel Blanc, gave us the catchphrase, "This makes me very angry, very angry indeed."

Years after Marvin's 1948 debut he made another appearance as the mascot on the Spirit rover sent to Mars.

This weekend Martians invade movie theatres in Mars Needs Moms, the story of little green marauders who kidnap human moms, joining a long list of Mars movies.

The 40-foot-tall Martian in The Angry Red Planet, a low budget 1959 flick, was actually a 15-inch-tall puppet made from elements of a rat, bat, spider, and crab. The campy creature was later featured on the cover of the Misfits' album Walk Among Us.

A few years later Robinson Crusoe on Mars used Death Valley, California as a substitute for the barren terrain of Mars and was so low budget it recycled props from other movies. The aliens are seen dressed in the spacesuits from Destination Moon and the Martian space crafts were borrowed from The War of the Worlds.

The year 2000 was a big one for Martian movies. Red Planet, starring Val Kilmer, Carrie-Ann Moss, and Benjamin Bratt as astronauts sent to Mars when Earth's efforts to colonize the planet are disrupted, features cinema's first computer voice to be completely computer generated.

Also released that year was Mission to Mars, the Brian De Palma film about the first manned mission to Mars.

The movie flopped domestically — it only has a 25 per cent Rotten Tomatoes rating — but was chosen as one of the top pictures of 2000 by Les Cahiers du cinema.

Not all Mars movies are actually set on Mars, however. Despite its title, Abbott and Costello Go to Mars, the comedy duo never actually makes it to the red planet.

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Amanda coy on Ryan Phillippe

Red Riding Hood star prefers to talk about ex

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▶ Amanda Seyfried

▶ Ryan Phillippe

Is Amanda Seyfried, 25, truly dating Ryan Phillippe, 36? The duo was seen hanging out late last year at Kate Hudson's Halloween party, and speculation has run rampant since. Now the actress tells Elle magazine: "Um, yeah, I've been 'seen' with him," but doesn't reveal much more.

The Red Riding Hood star is much more forthcoming about her previous relationship with Dominic Cooper, her co-star in Mamma Mia! "(It is) one of the easiest things in the world," she tells Elle. "You're both open. You're put in a situation where you have to make out with each other. It's easy for things to get carried away."

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▶ This photo shows fragments of the planes that hit the World Trade Center in 2001, displayed at the Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America exhibit, at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. The exhibit is scheduled to run until May 30.

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▶ Ku Klux Klan robes are displayed at the Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America exhibit.

America's history of terror examined

Philadelphia museum show looks at the more than 80 attacks on U.S. soil ◗ Aims to be a conversation starter on a difficult subject

It was one of the worst acts of terrorism in U.S. history, a deadly deed that filled the New York City sky with smoke and debris, thrust the nation into war, prompted restrictive new laws and intensified hostility toward foreigners.

Yet it happened nearly a century before the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001 — on Black Tom Island, a munitions depot in New York Harbor sabotaged by German agents and American collaborators in 1916.

This and other examples of domestic terrorism are part of a new exhibition at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, tracing the evolution of revolution and exploring how panic and prejudice can disrupt the balance between safeguarding civil liberties and protecting the public.

"Spies, Traitors and Saboteurs: Fear and Freedom in America" opened Friday and runs through May 30. Created by the International Spy Museum in Washington, it examines acts of revolution, sabotage, protest, subversion and extremism by foreign-born and home-grown militants, activists and spies from the Revolutionary War and onwards.

More than 80 domestic attacks from 1776 to the present are presented — along with how they sparked government responses that have changed American life, from the 1918 Sedition Act to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security. It is left for visitors to reach their own conclusions about whether the various changes over time have been for the better, said Peter Earnest, director of the Spy Museum and a former CIA operative.

"These issues will be with us until the end of the republic," said Earnest, noting that the show was created to be a teaching tool for the young, a history refresher for the old and a conversation starter for all.

Interactive polling stations, developed with the Gallup Organization, ask visitors' opinions on the nation's response to events presented in the show — along with results of Gallup polls through history asking the same questions.

Among them: Should the government have the authority to deport people suspected of supporting hostile groups? Should the FBI be allowed to investigate groups opposed to the U.S. government? Is violence by individuals ever justified to bring about change in society?

"The exhibit illustrates in a way that's very dramatic and visceral the challenges we face as a country from threats that often originate internally," said David Eisner, National Constitution Center president and CEO. "How do we protect our homeland ... and how do we at the same time guarantee constitutional protections for all of our citizens?"

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- **Artifacts** Included in the exhibit are a charred remnant of the White House torched by the British in 1814, Ku Klux Klan garments from the 1960s, and wreckage of the World Trade Center and the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, badges of American Protective League agents who spied on fellow Americans during the First World War.

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▶ Cyclists rule the road in Amsterdam. Most Dutch riders never wear helmets and all ride similar one-speed bikes.

Taking a bike ride in Holland

The Dutch take their cycling seriously, but have a very different bike culture than in North America

Nearly everyone in Amsterdam rides a bicycle.

No one sweats.

As a longtime cyclist in New York City, and a sweaty guy who can raise a few droplets going to the end of the walk to retrieve the newspaper in January, that's how it seemed to me when I was there. I was prepared for the ubiquity of cyclists. But the refinement was a surprise.

Who knew that urban cycling — which I find mostly exhilarating and joyous, but occasionally a grim struggle for a sliver of pavement — could also be elegant?

This is how I saw the Dutch cyclists.

I ride to news assignments, sometimes in jacket and tie, feeling overdressed. I saw well-dressed men riding to work in Amsterdam, and they didn't seem remotely uncomfortable.

And the women! Granted that riding a bike is like playing the cello — one of those things that makes men look dorky and women look hot — but women bikers in Amsterdam seem to cut no fashion corners. High heels and skirts are not uncommon, whether they are headed to the office or carting a crateful of kids to school on one of those cargo bikes with a big box up front.

Part of staying fashionable is that no one wears a helmet. Not the riders; not the kids sitting up front or on the luggage rack. Either cycling is extraordinarily safe in Amsterdam or the lawyers aren't in charge yet.

The Amsterdammers ride these single-speed or at most three-speed bikes that are both monstrously heavy and in most parts of North America, at least, frightfully expensive.

Cyclists in Amsterdam routinely ignore traffic signals. And pity the pedestrian who wanders onto the wrong side of the line between the sidewalk and the bike lane, which is often worn away to a shadow. But the slower speeds made them seem nice to me, in the way a foreign language sounds exotic.

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Mushroom Prosciutto Cups are great for serving as appetizers. They're flavourful and offer a great contrast in texture due to their crisp shell and soft creamy filling.

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▶ This recipe produces 24 mushroom cups.

Preparation:

1. Coat mini muffin pans with cooking spray. Separate wonton wrappers and press into pans, pleating each to form a cup. Bake in 350 F (180 C) oven for 7 to 9 minutes or until crisp. Remove and let cool.
2. Meanwhile, in skillet, heat oil over medium-high heat; add onion and cook for 2 minutes or until lightly softened. Stir in mushrooms, garlic and rosemary and cook for about 4 minutes or until lightly browned. Reduce heat to medium; add water and vinegar and cook for another 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in cheese cubes and heat, stirring constantly, until melted and well mixed. Remove from heat and stir in prosciutto until combined. Season to taste with pepper.
3. Spoon 1 1/2 tbsp (22 mL) of the mixture into each cup; garnish as desired and serve warm.

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Ingredients:

- 24 thin wonton wrappers
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) olive oil
- 1 small onion, diced
- 8 oz (250 g) fresh mushrooms, coarsely chopped
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried rosemary leaves
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) water
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) balsamic vinegar
- 1 pkg (8 oz/250 g) light cream cheese, cubed
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) minced lean prosciutto (about 1 1/2 oz/45 g)
- Freshly ground pepper
- Minced fresh parsley, diced red pepper or grated Parmesan cheese (optional)

Simplicity at its finest

Tomato Bruschetta is the perfect start to a meal or to serve as a delicious appetizer with a glass of wine or a cocktail. And this version of bruschetta, with its grainy mustard touch will delight.

The simplicity of ingredients also allows for an authentic taste experience that can be created in a few steps.

Preparation:

1. Toast bread in oven. Rub toasted bread with cut side of garlic and top with a drizzle of olive oil.
2. Dice tomatoes and onion and place in a bowl; add mustard. Stir lightly until coated.
3. Spread mixture on slices of toasted bread. Drizzle olive oil over top. Garnish with chopped basil. Add salt and pepper and serve immediately.

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▶ Bruschetta is easy to make but always looks elegant.

Ingredients:

- 4 slices ciabatta or French bread
- 2 cloves garlic, halved
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 Italian (Roma) tomatoes
- 1/2 onion
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) grainy mustard
- 4 leaves basil, chopped
- Salt and pepper, to taste

HEY, THAT WORK PC AIN'T YOUR PROPERTY

Workplace Law

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Employees often believe that they own the content on their workplace computers and sometimes even the computers themselves. They are mistaken. Steve Rowe worked as a computer analyst in Sheridan College's IT department for 12 years. He had one of the highest paying positions in the department, a clean disciplinary record and full access to the college's servers and computers. Rowe blurred the line between personal and professional computer use when he adopted one of the college's faster computers and used it to download a large amount of games, videos, movies, music, and pornography.

Rowe gave at least 11 other people including friends, family and colleagues, access to the computer's media cache. Rowe's activities went undetected for years.

When a network audit later revealed some of Rowe's activities, the college seized his computers and began an investigation.

After confirming that Rowe had been using the college's server as a media hub for his circle of friends, the college quickly dismissed him.

At a recent hearing, an arbitrator had to determine whether Rowe's personal use of his workplace computer could justify his immediate termination.

Rowe attempted to overturn his termination by arguing that the college overreacted to his misconduct. However, the arbitrator hearing the case disagreed, characterizing Rowe's conduct as "extremely poor judgement." Since Rowe's job required his employer to be able to trust him, his termination was upheld.

This case is an example of a broader problem in Canadian workplaces as employees too often get carried away with personal computer use at work.

When they do, they should not expect that their actions will be immune from discipline as decision makers are becoming increasing aware of the damage computer misuse can cause and they are often unwilling to tolerate it.

Both employees and employers can consider some of the following safeguards:

- Whether there is a policy on Internet or computer use at work and to what extent, if any, does the employer permit personal use.
- Where personal computer use is permitted, employees should not consider this right equal to a freedom to do as they please.

There are a number of ways for employees to lose their jobs including theft of time, discrimination and harassment.

Dust off that desk

Spring cleaning is not just for the kitchen, garage and shed. For the roughly 2.5 million Canadians who work from home or maintain a home office, this area should be of special consideration.

Consider these tips:

Keep, file, shred

Start by sorting through your papers and making three distinct piles: what you keep, what you file and what you shred. Whatever you decide to shred get rid of right away. It will make an immediate difference in the amount of space you have.

Dust up digitally

Another way to stay organized is to create digital versions of your hard copy documents by using a multi–function centre such as the MFC–J6510DW from Brother.

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Help me, help them: Parents

American school systems are setting a teaching trend that's helping turn parents into better homework helpers

Parents who help with homework think they have it bad with wacky new math in the lower grades. Try the ablative case in the second declension for high school Latin.

Susan Wheeler Fisk is ready with a resounding carpe diem! She enrolled in Latin I online with her 18-year-old senior to get him over the hump.

"This is a brand-new subject for me," said the former preschool teacher in Estes Park, Colo. "It's online, so there's no teacher. He said he didn't want a tutor, but he just needed to get his arms around the subject in a way that seemed like a tutor wouldn't offer anyway."

Fisk is grateful he was up for her help.

It's hard enough getting a teen to do more than grunt in a parent's direction, so what happens when they clearly aren't clicking with schoolwork and the 'rents are no match for the Pythagorean theorem, Sophocles or the Federalist Papers?

Fisk has the time and background to make her hands-on homework help work. Many parents can barely hold on for the ride. Some are learning English as a second language, pull long hours on the job or don't have the academic experience they think they need to turn homework hell around for their middle school and high school kids.

"We have a lot of parents who have not finished high school or have only finished high school and are not confident," said Michele Brooks, assistant superintendent for family and student engagement for Boston public schools.

The system serving more than 56,000 children from pre-kindergarten to Grade 12 opened Parent University last year, primarily for low-income parents with kids in struggling schools.

The free program of three-day workshops offers instruction in math, science and reading. It also guides them in broader areas like dealing with cyberbullying and social networks, positive approaches to discipline and signs of gang involvement.

Brooks said more than 500 parents participated last school year and the same number has already signed up this year.

There's even a June graduation ceremony for mom or dad.

Shelly Smeade is vice-principal of a junior high in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and struggled with math as a child. She knew she needed a boost once her oldest daughter turned 14, so she attended the free Math for Moms and Dads course offered by Stevens-Henager College.

"Now I'm able to check my kids' work with confidence that I'm providing accurate feedback," she said.

The program has proven so popular that the Idaho Department of Education asked the college to offer it for parents in its 117 districts statewide.

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▶ Ellen Purtell, right, says she turns to her son, left, to help his younger sister with her homework as it gets more challenging.

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iStopped smoking!

While nobody claims quitting smoking is easy, the Ontario Lung Association hopes a campaign that includes an iPhone app will help young adults in the province butt out for good.

The app, which challenges players to use their lung capacity to play a sports-related game, is one component of the Quit & Get Fit campaign that encourages smokers to kick the habit with the aid of physical exercise. Quit & Get Fit is based on scientific studies that demonstrate how physical activity, and deep breathing, can help reduce cravings and withdrawal symptoms, the association says.

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To reach young adult smokers, the organization is using social media initiatives. For instance, a new Quit & Get Fit tab, facebook.com/ontariolungassociation, has been added to its existing Facebook fan page, featuring a download link to the new iPhone app.

The iPhone app was developed as a distraction when the smoking urge hits. Participants are challenged to take a deep breath, then blow into their smart phones to use their lung capacity to play either a hockey or golf game.

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Canucks ratchet up the intensity

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▶ Christian Ehrhoff of the Vancouver Canucks lays a body check on Taylor Pyatt of the Phoenix Coyotes last night.

Vancouver overcomes 2-0 hole to beat Coyotes and win third straight

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CANUCKS	COYOTES

Dan Hamhuis prides himself on contributing on both ends of the ice.

His final effort last night gave the Vancouver Canucks a hard-earned win.

Hamhuis scored twice, including the winner 2:13 into overtime, and the Canucks beat the Phoenix Coyotes 4-3.

"There was not much room in the offensive zone," Hamuis said. "When that happens, that opens things up for the defenceman to jump in the play."

Henrik Sedin had a goal and two assists, Sami Salo also scored and Daniel Sedin had three assists for the Canucks, who won their third straight.

"The last five or six games or so, there's been a playoff mentality," Salo said. "We've played a lot of desperate teams and the last three games we've been able to find a way to win."

Eric Belanger had a goal and two assists, and Shane Doan and Lauri Korpikoski each scored for the Coyotes, who were ahead by two less than halfway through the first period.

The Coyotes were without centre Martin Hanzal, left-wing Ray Whitney and defenceman Derek Morris, all scratched with undisclosed lower-body injuries.

Alexandre Burrows missed a penalty shot awarded 36 seconds into overtime after he was hauled down from behind by Belanger, shooting wide left.

Hamhuis was on target two minutes later, sliding the puck under Ilya Bryzgalov's pads, assisted by both Sedins.

"Hank and Danny, any time they're circling around the puck, as a defenceman you try to get open for them," Hamhuis said. "I was trying to find a spot to get open."

Belanger and Korpikoski combined to tie it at 3-3 with 43 seconds left in the second period. Belanger flipped a pass from the high slot in front of Korpikoski, who was charging toward the net from the right side. Korpikoski reached the puck just after it touched the ice, chipping it over Roberto Luongo for his first goal since Feb. 25.

"We've got some players who should watch that and see what happens when you go to the net hard," Coyotes coach Dave Tippett said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Caps import offence from Switzerland

The excitement Davide Chiumiento brings to the field might be as important as the goals he sets up for the Vancouver Whitecaps.

The club signed the midfielder to a Major League Soccer contract yesterday. The aim is to increase Vancouver's offence while raising the entertainment level.

"He brings a flair," Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi said. "I think the game lacks flair and that kind of player."

Vancouver has sold around 15,000 season tickets and anticipation is building as the team prepares for its first game March 19 against Toronto FC.

A player who can send fans home talking could be important for the Whitecaps.

"We need to entertain the fans. I think he is the kind of player that can do that," Lenarduzzi said.

The 26-year-old Chiumiento combines ball-handling ease with a touch around the net.

"I can bring a lot offensively," said the native of Heiden, Switzerland. "My quality is in the last pass and also to score."

He scored 17 goals and 16 assists in 97 matches with FC Luzern of the Swiss Super League.

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Sports in brief

Tiki back, but not as a Giant

NFL. After four years in retirement, former New York Giants running back Tiki Barber is looking to get back into the NFL.

It won't be with the Giants, though.

The Giants acknowledged yesterday that the 35-year-old Barber has asked to be taken off the reserve-retirement list and that they will release him once the league allows it. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greinke out with injury

MLB. Milwaukee Brewers pitcher Zack Greinke is likely to begin the season on the disabled list because of a fractured right rib he injured while playing pickup basketball in the off-season.

The 2009 AL Cy Young winner is expected to be out two to four weeks.

Greinke was traded from Kansas City to Milwaukee in the winter. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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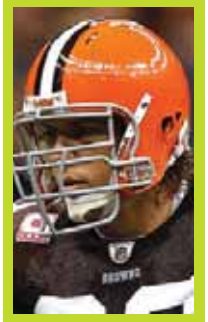

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d-Washington	67	37	20	5	5	178	167	84	19-8-2-5	18-12-3-0	8-2-0-0	W5
d-Boston	66	38	20	3	5	200	156	84	16-12-2-2	22-8-1-3	7-2-1-0	L2
Pittsburgh	68	39	21	5	3	196	167	86	21-11-2-0	18-10-3-3	4-2-3-1	W2
Tampa Bay	66	37	21	3	5	196	200	82	21-8-1-4	16-13-2-1	3-4-0-3	L4
Montreal	67	37	23	4	3	180	168	81	21-8-3-3	16-15-1-0	6-3-0-1	W5
NY Rangers	68	35	29	2	2	193	164	74	15-17-1-2	20-12-1-0	5-5-0-0	W2
Buffalo	66	32	26	7	1	190	190	72	14-15-2-1	18-11-5-0	5-3-1-1	L1
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Atlanta	66	27	28	4	7	184	214	65	14-14-1-5	13-14-3-2	3-6-0-1	W1
New Jersey	66	30	32	3	1	140	170	64	15-14-2-1	15-18-0-1	8-2-0-0	L1
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Chicago	67	37	24	2	4	220	186	80	21-14-0-0	16-10-3-3	8-2-0-0	L1
Dallas	66	36	23	3	4	184	186	79	18-9-2-3	18-14-1-1	4-5-1-0	W2
Calgary	68	35	24	3	6	207	193	79	21-10-1-3	14-14-2-3	7-2-0-1	W2
Phoenix	68	34	23	7	4	194	198	79	16-11-4-2	18-12-3-2	4-4-1-1	L1
Los Angeles	66	36	25	3	2	183	163	77	20-11-2-0	16-14-1-2	5-3-1-1	L2
Minnesota	67	35	25	2	5	176	176	77	17-13-1-3	18-12-1-2	5-3-1-1	W1
Anaheim	66	35	26	3	2	182	193	75	20-11-1-1	15-15-2-1	4-5-1-0	L1
Nashville	66	33	24	5	4	167	156	75	15-7-4-3	18-17-1-1	3-5-1-1	L1
Columbus	65	31	26	3	5	180	196	70	16-13-0-2	15-13-3-3	4-3-0-3	L5
St. Louis	66	29	27	5	5	182	198	67	19-11-1-3	10-17-3-2	3-7-0-0	W1
Colorado	66	26	32	7	1	187	229	60	14-16-4-0	12-16-3-1	1-7-1-1	L6
Edmonton	67	23	36	1	7	170	219	54	12-19-1-3	11-17-1-3	6-4-0-0	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Vancouver 4 Phoenix 3 (OT)
Montreal 4 Boston 1
Ottawa 2 New Jersey 1
N.Y. Islanders 4 Toronto 3 (OT)
Philadelphia 4 Edmonton 1
Florida 3 Chicago 2
Pittsburgh 3 Buffalo 1
Minnesota 5 Colorado 2
Nashville at San Jose
Monday's results
Washington 2 Tampa Bay 1 (SO)
St. Louis 5 Columbus 4 (SO)
Dallas 4 Los Angeles 3 (OT)
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Edmonton at Washington, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Dallas, 9 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Anaheim, 10:35 p.m. (changed from 10 p.m.)

ISLANDERS 4, MAPLE LEAFS 3 (OT)

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Brown Tor, Haley NYI (roughing) 2:54, Grabovski Tor (high-sticking) 8:35, Graber NYI (hooking) 10:38, New York bench (too many men; served by Tavares) 12:37.
Second Period
1. N.Y. Islanders, Konopka 2 (Jurcina, DiBenedetto) 2:15
2. Toronto, Aulie 1 (Brent, Brown) 2:49
3. N.Y. Islanders, Nielsen 9 (Okposo, MacDonald) 11:17
4. Toronto, Brent 8 (Armstrong) 18:44
Missed penalty shot — M.Martin NYI, 7:45.
Penalty — Haley NYI (roughing) 14:00.
Third Period
5. N.Y. Islanders, Grabner 27 (Comeau, Bailey) 8:40
6. Toronto, Kulemin 25 (Grabovski, Kessel) 9:48
Penalties — None.
Overtime
7. N.Y. Islanders, Comeau 19 (Martinek, Nielsen) 4:02
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Toronto	9	9	8	1—27
N.Y. Islanders	11	14	12	3—40

Goal — Toronto: Reimer (L,12-5-4); N.Y. Islanders: Montoya (W,6-2-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Toronto: 0-3; N.Y. Islanders: 0-1.
Attendance — 9,217 (16,234) At Uniondale, N.Y.

SENATORS 2, DEVILS 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Tallinder NJ (hooking) 1:09.
Second Period
1. Ottawa, Condra 3 (Shannon, Greening) 4:45
Penalties — Karlsson Ott (high-sticking) 7:37, Z.Smith Ott (hooking) 9:22, Kuba Ott (holding) 10:10, Fayne NJ (holding) 18:42.
Third Period
2. New Jersey, Elias 15 (Rolston, Zubrus) 4:01
3. Ottawa, Condra 4 (Spezza, Phillips) 17:47
Penalties — Spezza Ott (hooking), Rolston NJ (diving) 9:18.
Shots on goal by

Ottawa	8	5	8	—21
New Jersey	7	14	11	—32

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,18-18-3); New Jersey: Ma.Brodeur (L,17-20-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-2; New Jersey: 0-3.
Attendance — 15,978 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

FLYERS 4, OILERS 1

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Briere 29 (Carle, Leino) 8:54
2. Philadelphia, Carter 29 (Briere, C.Giroux) 17:40 (pp)
Penalties — Pronger Pha (hooking) 1:00, Omark Edm (interference) 2:37, Smid Edm (boarding major) 12:57, O'Donnell Pha (high-sticking) 18:25.
Second Period
3. Philadelphia, Carter 30 (Timonen, van Riemsdyk) 7:05
4. Edmonton, Jacques 4 (Smid) 8:00
Penalties — MacIntyre Edm (elbowing) 12:37, Timonen Pha (interference) 16:46.
Third Period
5. Philadelphia, Betts 5 (C.Giroux) 19:18 (en)
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Edmonton	1	11	13	—25
Philadelphia	17	5	5	—27

Goal — Edmonton: Dubnyk (L,10-10-6); Philadelphia: Bobrovsky (W,25-11-4).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Edmonton: 0-3; Philadelphia: 1-4.
Attendance — 19,730 (19,537) at Philadelphia.

CANADIENS 4, BRUINS 1

First Period
1. Montreal, Eller 6 (Moen, Mara) 8:21
2. Montreal, Eller 7 (Moen, Kostitsyn) 17:37
Penalties — Boychuk Bos (fighting), White Mtl (instigating, fighting, misconduct) 3:11, Seguin Bos (tripping) 5:51.
Second Period
3. Montreal, Gionta 24 (Gomez, Plekanec) 7:15 (pp)
4. Montreal, Wisniewski 8 (Cammalleri, Desharnais) 15:09 (pp)
Penalties — Plekanec Mtl (kneeing) 0:55, Kelly Bos (hooking) 6:41, Hamrlik Mtl (tripping) 9:26, Montreal bench (too many men; served by Pacioretty) 11:34, Boychuk Bos (tripping) 14:31, Chara Bos (interference major, game misconduct) 19:44.
Third Period
5. Boston, Lucic 29 (Krejci) 13:21
Missed penalty shot — Marchand Bos, 4:08.
Penalty — Lucic Bos (roughing) 17:34.
Shots on goal by

Boston	11	6	14	—31
Montreal	9	11	5	—25

Goal — Boston: Rask (L,9-12-1). Montreal: Price (W,32-21-6).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Boston: 0-4. Montreal: 2-5.
Attendance — 21,273 (21,273) at Montreal.

CANUCKS 4, COYOTES 3 (OT)

First Period
1. Phoenix, Belanger 10, 3:27
2. Phoenix, Doan 15 (Belanger, Schlemko) 10:55 (pp)
3. Vancouver, Hamhuis 5 (Samuelsson, D.Sedin) 11:12
Penalty — D.Sedin Vcr (tripping) 9:05.
Second Period
4. Vancouver, H.Sedin 16 (Kesler, Ehrhoff) 9:14 (pp)
5. Vancouver, Salo 2 (H.Sedin, D.Sedin) 12:17
6. Phoenix, Korpikoski 15 (Belanger, Rozsival) 19:17
Penalties — Korpikoski Pho (delay of game) 8:40, H.Sedin Vcr (hooking) 14:06.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — Oreskovich Vcr (tripping) 2:43, Belanger Pho (cross-checking) 9:46.
Overtime
7. Vancouver, Hamhuis 6 (H.Sedin, D.Sedin) 2:13
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal by

Vancouver	16	14	8	1—39
Phoenix	10	15	7	2—34

Goal — Vancouver: Luongo (W,31-13-7); Phoenix: Bryzgalov (L,28-17-8). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 1-2; Phoenix: 1-3.
Att. — 12,843 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
D.Sedin, Vcr	34	47	81
Stamkos, TB	41	38	79
St. Louis, TB	24	52	76
H.Sedin, Vcr	15	61	76
Ovechkin, Wash	25	44	69
Zetterberg, Det	18	51	69
Perry, Ana	31	37	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Iginla, Cal	30	36	66
Toews, Chi	27	38	65
Kopitar, LA	20	45	65
B.Richards, Dal	24	39	63
E.Staal, Car	29	33	62
Sharp, Chi	33	28	61
Eriksson, Dal	23	38	61
Selanne, Ana	21	39	60
Giroux, Pha	21	38	59
Kesler, Vcr	33	25	58
Nash, Clb	29	29	58
P.Kane, Chi	21	36	57
Havlat, Minn	20	37	57
Ribeiro, Dal	13	43	56
J.Carter, Pha	28	27	55
Tavares, NYI	24	31	55
Vanek, Buf	23	32	55
M.Richards, Pha	19	36	55
Backstrom, Wash	17	38	55
Ryan, Ana	30	24	54
Tanguay, Cal	18	36	54
J.Thornton, SJ	16	38	54
Lidstrom, Det	13	41	54
Yandle, Phx	10	44	54
Heatley, SJ	22	31	53
J.Williams, LA	21	31	52
Datsyuk, Det	20	32	52
Getzlaf, Ana	16	36	52
Briere, Pha	28	23	51
Plekanec, Mtl	20	31	51
Visnovsky, Ana	12	39	51
Marleau, SJ	26	24	50

Not including last night's games

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

GROUP A

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
New Zealand	4	3	0	1	0	6
Pakistan	4	3	0	1	0	6
Australia	3	2	1	0	1	5
Sri Lanka	4	2	1	1	1	5
Zimbabwe	3	1	0	2	0	2
Canada	**4**	**1**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**2**
Kenya	4	0	0	4	0	0

GROUP B

	MP	W	T	L	NR	Pt
India	3	2	1	0	0	5
England	4	2	1	1	0	5
South Africa	3	2	0	1	0	4
West Indies	3	2	0	1	0	4
Bangladesh	3	1	0	2	0	2
Ireland	3	1	0	2	0	2
Netherlands	3	0	0	3	0	0

Yesterday's result
At Kandy (Pallekele), Sri Lanka
New Zealand (302 for seven) def. Pakistan (192, all out) by 110 runs.
Monday's result
At New Delhi
Canada (199-five) def. Kenya (198, all out) by five wickets.
Today's match
At New Delhi
India vs. Netherlands
Tomorrow's match
At Kandy (Pallekele), Sri Lanka
Sri Lanka vs. Zimbabwe

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Kansas City	7	4	.636
Detroit	8	5	.615
Minnesota	6	4	.600
Seattle	5	4	.556
Boston	6	5	.545
L.A. Angels	6	5	.545
Texas	6	5	.545
Baltimore	4	4	.500
N.Y. Yankees	5	5	.500
Oakland	5	6	.455
Cleveland	4	6	.400
Toronto	4	6	.400
Chicago W.Sox	3	6	.333
Tampa Bay	3	7	.300

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	9	4	.692
Washington	6	3	.667
Atlanta	7	4	.636
Cincinnati	7	4	.636
St. Louis	6	4	.600
Florida	5	4	.556
Colorado	6	5	.545
Milwaukee	6	5	.545
Philadelphia	6	6	.500
Pittsburgh	6	6	.500
San Diego	4	5	.444
L.A. Dodgers	5	7	.417
Chicago Cubs	4	7	.364
N.Y. Mets	4	7	.364
Arizona	5	9	.357
Houston	3	9	.250

Yesterday's results
Tampa Bay 3 Toronto 2 (10 ings)
Arizona 16 Cleveland 4
Boston (ss) 3 Houston (ss) 2
Boston (ss) 8 St. Louis 7
Chicago White Sox 9 Colorado (ss) 8
Cincinnati 5 Kansas City 2
Colorado (ss) 4 Chicago Cubs 0
Florida 9 Detroit 5
Houston (ss) 5 N.Y. Mets (ss) 4
L.A. Angels 2 Texas 1
L.A. Dodgers 7 Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Yankees 5, Atlanta 4
Oakland 6 San Diego 2
Philadelphia 4, Baltimore 3
Pittsburgh 5 Minnesota 2
Seattle 1 San Francisco 0
Washington 4 N.Y. Mets (ss) 3 (10 ings)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
dx-Boston	46	15	.754	—
d-Chicago	44	18	.710	2½
d-Miami	43	21	.672	4½
Orlando	40	24	.625	7½
Atlanta	37	27	.578	10½
New York	33	29	.532	13½
Philadelphia	33	30	.524	14
Indiana	27	36	.429	20
Charlotte	26	37	.413	21
Milwaukee	24	38	.387	22½
Detroit	23	41	.359	24½
New Jersey	19	43	.306	27½
Toronto	17	46	.270	30
Washington	16	47	.254	31
Cleveland	12	51	.190	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	51	12	.810	—
Dallas	46	17	.730	5
d-L.A. Lakers	46	19	.708	6
d-Oklahoma City	39	23	.629	11½
Denver	37	27	.578	14½
Portland	37	27	.578	14½
New Orleans	37	29	.561	15½
Memphis	36	29	.554	16
Phoenix	33	29	.532	17½
Utah	33	31	.516	18½
Houston	33	33	.500	19½
Golden State	28	35	.444	23
L.A. Clippers	24	40	.375	27½
Sacramento	15	46	.246	35
Minnesota	15	50	.231	37

d – division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth

Last night's results
Golden State 95 Cleveland 85
L.A. Lakers 101 Atlanta 87
Milwaukee 95 Washington 76
Philadelphia 110 Indiana 100
Phoenix 113 Houston 110
Portland 105 Miami 96
Monday's results
L.A. Clippers 92 Charlotte 87
Portland 89 Orlando 85
New York 131 Utah 109
Chicago 85 New Orleans 77
Memphis 107 Oklahoma City 101
Dallas 108 Minnesota 105
Houston 123 Sacramento 101
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Golden State at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Utah at Toronto, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
New York at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Detroit at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Orlando at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
L.A. Lakers at Miami, 7 p.m.
New York at Dallas, 9:30 p.m.
Denver at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Durant, OKC	58	538	449	1630	28.1
Stoudemire, NYK	61	607	378	1602	26.3
James, MIA	61	562	403	1601	26.2
Wade, MIA	59	538	373	1497	25.4
Anthony, NYK	58	510	394	1466	25.3
Bryant, LAL	64	578	365	1607	25.1
Ellis, GOL	62	582	286	1547	25.0

Not including last night's games

SOCCER

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

ROUND OF 16
Second Leg
Yesterday's results
Barcelona (Spain) 3 Arsenal (England) 1
(Barcelona advances on 4-3 aggregate)
Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 3, AS Roma (Italy) 0
(Shakhtar advances on 6-2 aggregate)
Today's games
Schalke vs. Valencia, 2:45 p.m.
Tottenham vs. AC Milan, 2:45 p.m.

CURLING

THE BRIER

At London, Ont.

Province (Skip)	W	L
Alberta (Martin)	6	1
Manitoba (Stoughton)	6	1
Ontario (Howard)	6	1
N.L. (Gushue)	5	2
Saskatchewan (Laycock)	4	3
Northern Ont. (Jacobs)	3	4
Nova Scotia (Adams)	3	4
B.C. (Cotter)	2	5
New Brunswick (Gratton)	2	5
NWT/Yukon (Koe)	2	5
Quebec (Gagne)	2	5
P.E.I. (MacKenzie)	1	6

Yesterday's results
Ninth Draw
Manitoba 10 Northwest/Yukon Territories 4
Alberta 9 Nova Scotia 7
Prince Edward Island 8 New Brunswick 5
Northern Ontario 8 Quebec 5
Draw 10
Nova Scotia 10 Northern Ontario 5
Ontario 6 Newfoundland & Labrador 1
Alberta 7 Quebec 5
Saskatchewan 6 British Columbia 4
Draw 11
British Columbia 6 New Brunswick 5
Saskatchewan 8 Prince Edward Island 7
Newfoundland & Labrador 8 NWT/Yukon 3
Ontario 7 Manitoba 4
Monday's results
Sixth Draw
Newfoundland & Labrador 7 Saskatchewan 6
Ontario 7 British Columbia 5
Seventh Draw
Alberta 9 Prince Edward Island 2
Manitoba 8 Northern Ontario 4
New Brunswick 7 Quebec 5
Nova Scotia 9 Northwest/Yukon Territories 2
Eighth Draw
Newfoundland & Labrador 9 Alberta 4
Northern Ontario 7 British Columbia 5
Nova Scotia 7 Saskatchewan 6
Ontario 12 Quebec 4
Today's games
All times Eastern
Draw 12, 9:30 a.m.
Alberta vs. Saskatchewan; British Columbia vs. Quebec; Northern Ontario vs. Ontario; Nova Scotia vs. Newfoundland & Labrador.
Draw 13, 2:30 p.m.
Ontario vs. Prince Edward Island; New Brunswick vs. Newfoundland & Labrador; Saskatchewan vs. Manitoba; British Columbia vs. Northwest/Yukon Territories.
Draw 14, 7:30 p.m.
Northwest/Yukon Territories vs. Quebec; Manitoba vs. Alberta; New Brunswick vs. Nova Scotia; Northern Ontario vs. Prince Edward Island.

WORLD JUNIOR CURLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

At Perth, Scotland
MEN
Yesterday's results
Sixth Draw
Canada 8 Denmark 1
China 6 Norway 5 (extra end)
Scotland 8 U.S. 4
Sweden 7 Finland 2
Switzerland 6 Czech Republic 4
WOMEN
Yesterday's results
Fifth Draw
Canada 15 France 4
Scotland 6 Czech Republic 4
Norway 10 Switzerland 4
Russia 10 Japan 1
U.S. 8 Sweden 2
Sixth Draw
Switzerland 10 **Canada** 3
Russia 9 Norway 3
Sweden 7 Scotland 6
Czech Republic 11 France 3
Japan 7 U.S. 6 (extra end)

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Engine

For the 2012 model, the Passat's previously standard 200-horsepower 2.0-litre four-cylinder turbocharged powerplant has been replaced with a non-turbocharged 170-horsepower 2.5-litre five-cylinder unit. This change no doubt contributes to the smaller base price.

A 280-horsepower 3.6-litre V6 is optional, as is Volkswagen's hybrid-challenging 140-horsepower 2.0-litre turbo-diesel that will give the Passat a claimed rating of 4.8 l/100 km on the highway.

Generous dimensions

VW might be substantially reducing the MSRP, but it certainly won't be shrinking the package.

Compared to the previous Passat, the new model is nine centimetres longer overall and the distance between its front and rear wheels has been stretched by about 9.5 centimetres, which should mean appreciable gains in passenger room. The car's more generous dimensions are in line with models belonging to the rest of the segment and should provide the kind of space that North American sedan buyers have come to expect.

Base model

The Passat's starting-point model is fitted with automatic climate control, cruise control and Bluetooth short-range wireless connectivity.

Also standard is Hill Climb Assist that helps keep manual-gearbox models from rolling backward down a hill while taking your right foot off the brake to depress the accelerator.

▶ The exterior will please buyers who aren't interested in weird new design themes. The Passat is straightforward and purposeful, even if it is a bit plain.

The Passat is suddenly competitive

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If you're familiar with the Sesame Street ditty, "One of these things is not like the others," then try to guess if it's the Toyota Camry, Chevrolet Malibu, Volkswagen Passat, or Honda Accord that's out of place in this automotive quartet.

If you picked the VW, give yourself a gold star.

At about $29,000, the Passat, which disappeared after the 2010 model year, ranked as the most expensive mid-size sedan in this group (plus others in the same category) by as much as $7,000.

For that kind of scratch you could have covered the cost of fuelling up any of the other top-selling competitors for three years or so, on average.

Although seemingly down and out, rumours of the Passat's demise have proven inaccurate.

Volkswagen announced at the recent North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., that its mid-size four-door will return as a built-in-America (Chattanooga, Tenn., to be precise) model for 2012 and will paste a base sticker price of about $24,000 (including destination charges) on the window.

Commenting on the new Passat, Volkswagen Group of America CEO Jonathan Browning said his company, "aims to become a leading player in the (North American) market."

The Passat might not appear to be a clearcut class leader, but at least it's now in the thick of the hunt.

Passat

What you should know about the 2012 Volkswagen Passat:

- **Type:** Four-door, mid-sized front-wheel-drive sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I5 (170); 3.6-litre DOHC V6 (280); 2.0-litre DOHC I4 turbo-diesel (140).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual (std., 2.5), six-speed automatic; six-speed automated manual (std., 3.6-litre V6 and 2.0-litre turbo-diesel).

5 drive

By comparison

Chevrolet Malibu
Base price: $25,450
Good-looking, roomy and fuel-efficient sedan is a popular choice.

Toyota Camry
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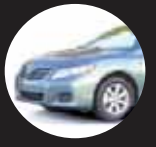
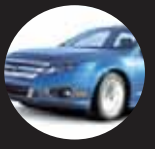


Ford Fusion
Base price: $21,600
Decent size and performance in an attractive wrapper; hybrid available.



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EVER CONSIDER BUYING A CAR ONLINE?

Auto Pilot

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From what I hear, you can buy almost anything over the Internet ... Kayaks ... Knockwurst ... Miniature kayaks formed from knockwurst.

Cars and trucks are obviously part of the Internet shopping experience, especially the research phase. But certain nuances and circumstances of the vehicle purchase process hold it back from being a typical "buy now" Internet transaction.

For one thing, vehicles are big — there isn't a standard Fed Ex package for a Cadillac Escalade. You may also want to trade in your current vehicle ... How do you do that over the Wi-Fi? Same with test-drives.

A typical vehicle purchase seems to generate so much back and forth, so much paperwork, so many choices, that the only way to get that all done, seems to be with a lot of face-to-face time with an automotive professional or two.

Well there is at least one person in Canada who would beg to differ. Barry Shafran is president and CEO of Chesswood Group Limited, a publicly traded company that operates cars4U.com.

According to Shafran, cars4U.com is "Canada's only eDealer." Shafran notes that unlike other dealerships or entities professing to provide online vehicle shopping, only cars4U.com gives customers the actual "buy now" button, and with a price that is "actually the selling price, not the list price."

While Shafran notes that a typical cars4U.com transaction "does come offline for a big part of it," he also notes that at least several times a year, a customer will, "hit buy now and put a deposit online."

Cars4U.com partners with dealers of various makes, to offer a wide range of vehicles, available to customers across Canada. Once purchased, the vehicles can be delivered, or picked up at the dealership who sourced it or at cars4U.com's HQ in Toronto. Trade-in values are assessed as best as one can over the phone, and then fine-tuned when the vehicle is dropped off.

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The company has been doing its e-thing for 10 years now, with "steady growth" according to Shafran.

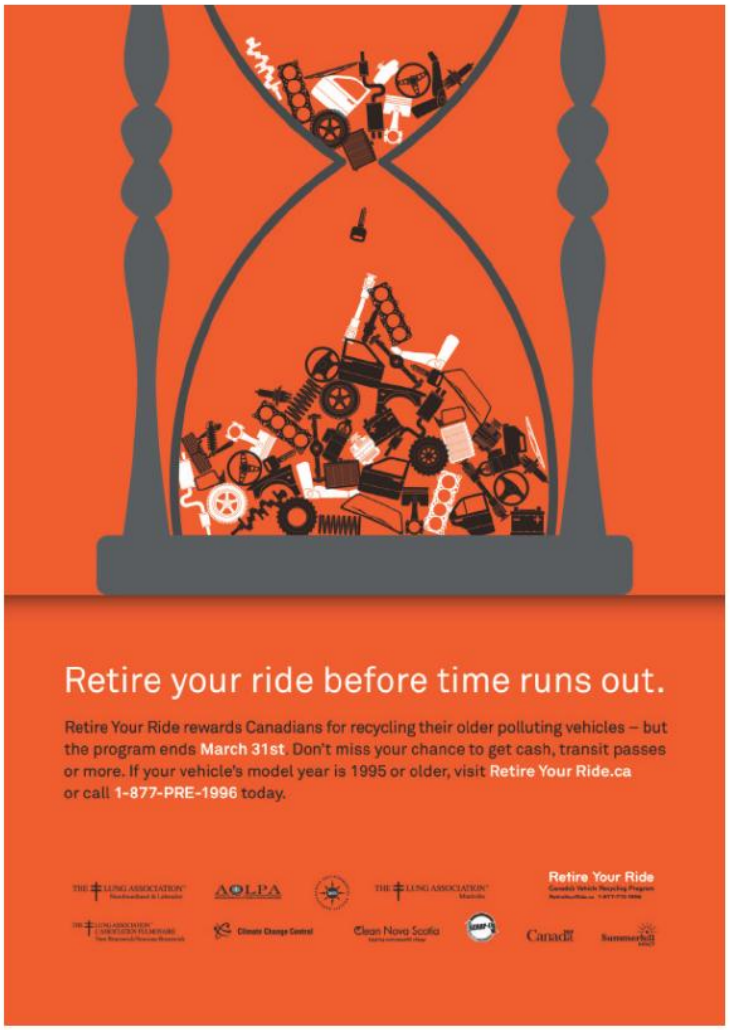
Why haven't others joined the bandwagon? "Good question," says Shafran. He is certain the business requires auto experience, not just Internet experience.

It's easier to answer the question, why can't you buy online direct from the automakers? That's because in the U.S. and Canada, dealers have ironclad franchise agreements with their automakers. Dealers are the only ones that can sell you a car. (Note, however, that automakers can also own dealerships and do).

But in Europe things are more loosey goosey, and that's why we're seeing some "direct to customers via the Internet" initiatives developing there. Last summer Ford of Britain bundled a bunch of its company-owned dealerships together and created FordRetailOnline.co.uk, complete with "12 regional delivery centres."

And just last week at the Geneva Motor Show, Renault said that its cheaper and Romanian-built Dacia line will be sold through an additional "Internet channel." This is to compete with Peugeot-Citroen, which already said its new line of China-sourced low-cost vehicles would be sold exclusively online.

Makes sense that the "bottom" of the market will be where Internet-direct makes inroads. You got a centralized, urbanized clientele, a cost-sensitive vehicle (an Internet channel is less costly to operate), and these vehicles tend to be viewed more like commodities. And if they are not in the showroom, they're not dragging down the profile of the automaker's higher-priced brands.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NEWS CANADA

Since its launch in May 2010, Canadianblackbook.com has seen more than two million visitors to its site. With numbers like that, this auto industry resource is doing something right. So let's take a closer look.

The site's launch generated a great deal of industry buzz and quickly became a leading online tool for consumers looking to buy, sell or trade-in a vehicle. It provides the general public with access to the industry's most comprehensive source of Canadian vehicle values through the convenience of the Internet.

The evaluator tool is just one of the features that make the consumer site so enticing. Visitors can search the trade-in value on virtually any make and model car or truck in Canada, as far back as 1998.

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2010 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT shown.§

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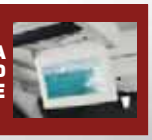

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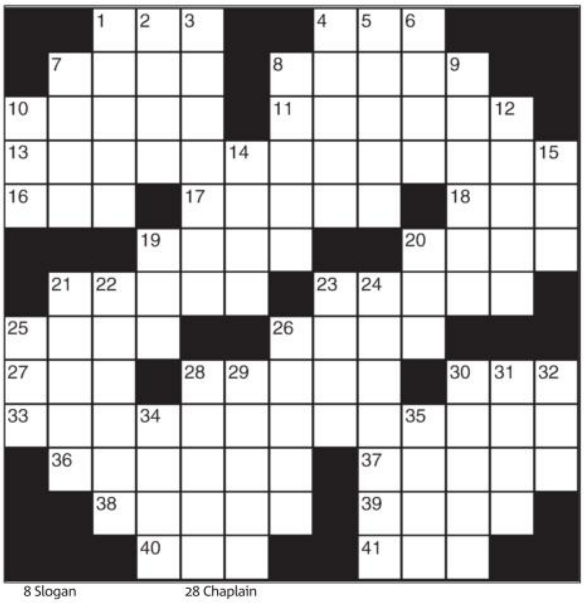

Across

1 Step that may be "faux"
4 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
7 Harbor
8 Factories
10 Some Japanese-Americans
11 Eyes on a peacock's tail
13 No different
16 Firmament
17 Arose
18 Bronze
19 "Ask — questions ..."
20 Pleads
21 "It's a Wonderful Life" director
23 Obey a comma
25 St. Louis attraction
26 Spheres
27 Bleating sound
28 Pullover shirts
30 Pod occupant
33 Definitively
36 Youngster
37 Grown-up nit
38 "Hammerin' Hank" of baseball
39 Muskrat cousin
40 Chaps
41 Greek vowel

Down

1 Actress Parker
2 Neighborhood
3 Scorpion's weapon
4 Scarf enhancing a low neckline
5 Censor's sound
6 Afflictions
7 Light red
8 Slogan
9 Schedules
10 Ph. bk. info
12 Public persona
14 Lady of Lisbon
15 Type measures
19 Speedometer stat
20 Clear the tables
21 Starter on a really old car
22 Gum arabic
23 Instructor, for short
24 Set free, as from a sin
25 Latin 101 word
26 Bygone
28 Chaplain
29 Satirical newspaper, with "The"
30 Abdul or Zahn
31 Otherwise
32 Brewery output
34 Cheese choice
35 Source

▶ Yesterday's answer

C	R	U	E		C	O	E		Z	A	G	S		
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Sudoku

		3	2					
4		9						
	6			7			4	8
2					5	8	9	
		1		8		5		
	3	5	9					2
7	1			9			2	
						3		1
					4	9		

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

2	9	7	1	8	3	6	5	4
4	5	1	6	2	7	3	8	9
3	8	6	4	5	9	2	1	7
8	3	5	2	7	4	9	6	1
7	4	9	5	6	1	8	3	2
1	6	2	3	9	8	7	4	5
9	1	3	7	4	6	5	2	8
6	2	8	9	1	5	4	7	3
5	7	4	8	3	2	1	9	6

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V.C. I want to say thank you for always being there for me no matter how annoying and crazy I get. You're one of my closest friends and hope you will continue to be forever!! xoxo **SOMEONE PROBABLY SITTING BESIDE YOU**

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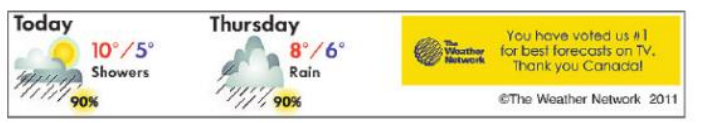

Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Don't strain your brain thinking about something that appears illogical. A number of strange things will happen today, but none of them will do you any harm.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 This is not a good time to announce your plans to the world. You don't have to be dishonest about your intentions but you do have to keep your ideas to yourself.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 These are exciting times for you but don't get carried away. If you act without thinking, you could make a potentially costly mistake. Take extra care when arranging travel plans and social events.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you're dishonest in any way today, it will come back when you least expect it. You don't need to tell lies or cut corners to get what you want.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 There seems to be a mental block between you and others at the moment. There's not much you can do but wait for the cosmic tide to turn. It won't be long before you are back on a like-minded wavelength.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Your main problem is that you are doing more for other people than you are for yourself. Get a grip on the situation and let those who are taking advantage of your generosity know there will be no more freebies.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 The planets warn that you could easily convince yourself that something is true when clearly it is not. That could turn out to be a costly mistake.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Spell out in plain and simple language what it is you expect of people. Both at home and at work, misunderstandings are likely so make sure everyone knows what it is they are supposed to be doing.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 By all means listen to what other people have to tell you today, but don't think for a moment that it's the whole truth. Act on the assumption that you have not yet heard the whole story.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Be careful when dealing with people you don't know on a personal level. Anything they say that sounds too good to be true is best ignored, no matter how marvelous it sounds.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Keep your thoughts to yourself today. With communications planet Mercury strong in your chart that won't be easy, but other aspects warn if you speak too freely it could rebound on you later.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Some things happen for no reason. Don't get hung up on trying to explain why a specific event came about. You don't have to account for everything in life. SALLY BROMPTON

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